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NOTE: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITTED FROM CONGEN RECIFE FACILITIES FOR CONSULATE SALVADOR.

SUB: ARRESTS IN SALVADOR MAY LEAD TO CAPTURE OF LAMARCA

1. AFTER HEARING REPORTS OF IMPRISONMENT AND DEATH OF
IMPORTANT SUBVERSIVES IN SALVADOR NIGHT OF AUGUST 19-20,
AMCONSUL EO25x1 CONVERSED
AT LENGTH WITH AIR FORCE COMANDO COSTEIRO G-2 COLONEL
EVANDRO DE LIMA ARAUJO (PROTECT SOURCE) AT CONSUL'S
RESIDENCE AUGUST 25. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS
PROVIDED BY THE COLONEL.

2. ON OR ABOUT AUGUST 6, UNITS OF SALVADOR CODI
(CENTRO DE OPERACOES DE DEFESA INTERNA) CAPTURED
MEMBER MR-8, KNOWN BY CODE NAME "ROCHA." UNIDENTIFIED
MAN ACCOMPANYING ROCHA OPENED FIRE AND ESCAPED AS
AUTHORITIES RELUCTANT RETURN FIRE FOR FEAR WOUNDING
BYSTANDERS IN CONGESTED DOWNTOWN SALVADOR. AFTER
INTENSIVE INTERROGATION BY LIMA ARAUJO, ROCHA CONFESSED
CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO TERRORIST LEADER AND FORMER
ARMY CAPTAIN CARLOS LAMARCA, ADMITTING HE HAD
ADVISED LAMARCA IT SAFE FOR HIM AND APPROXIMATELY 10
MEMBERS HIS GROUP COME SALVADOR. THIS GROUP APPARENTLY ARRIVED
BAHIA ABOUT JULY 25.

3. ACTING ON LEAD PROVIDED BY ROCHA, FEDERAL POLICE AND
ARMY G-2 UNITS SURROUNDED MR-8 SAFEHOUSE IN PITUBA
NEIGHBORHOOD OF SALVADOR AT 0530 HOURS AUGUST 20. FIVE
PEOPLE FOUND IN SAFEHOUSE: LAMARCA'S MISTRESS YARA YABELBERG
(PHONETIC), SMANJC ANOTHER GIRL, GIRL'S SISTER AND A
COOK. LATTER TWO REPORTEDLY NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED SUBVERSIVE
ACTIVITIES. YARA IDENTIFIED AS MEMBER MR-8 AND FORMER
MEMBER VAR-PALMARES AND VPR IN SAO PAULO WHO MET
LAMARCA WHILE BOTH STUDYING AT UNIVERSITY THERE. A
BRILLIANT THEORETICIAN AND MILITANT SUBVERSIVE, ACCORDING
TO SOURCE IT REPORTEDLY WAS YARA WHO PERSUADED LAMARCA
TO DESERT ARMY AND JOIN HER IN SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES.
SHE ABANDONED HER SAO PAULO PHYSICIAN HUSBAND AND TWO
CHILDREN TO TAKE UP WITH LAMARCA.

4. ALL OCCUPANTS SAFEHOUSE WITH EXCEPTION OF YARA
SURRENDERED PROMPTLY. YARA LOCKED HERSELF IN
SERVANT'S BATHROOM AND AGREED LIVE HERSELF UP ONLY AFTER
THREE TEAR GAS GRENADES THROWN THROUGH WINDOW. WHEN
AUTHORITIES OPENED BATHROOM DOOR SHE SHOT HERSELF IN CHEST.
AND DIED SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

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5. IN SAFEHOUSE AUTHORITIES FOUND PROPAGANDA AND PERSONAL LETTERS FROM LAMARCA TO YARA DATED AS RECENTLY AS 5 AND 6 AUGUST. DOCUMENTS INDICATED GROUP INTENDED HIDE OUT IN SALVADOR AND ALSO PREPARE FOR RURAL GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES. FROM DOCUMENTS AND TESTIMONY OF ROCHA AND MAN CAPTURED DURING RAID, AUTHORITIES CONCLUDE LAMARCA PRESENTLY IN INTERIOR OF BAHIA, PROBABLY IN VICINITY OF FEIRA DE SANTANA. CODI HAS MOUNTED OPERATION CAPTURE LAMARCA AND NOW BELIEVES HE SURROUNDED WITH ONLY 40 PERCENT CHANCE ESCAPE.

6. COLONEL LIMA ARAUJO SAID YARA WAS MAJOR INFLUENCE IN LAMARCA'S LIFE AND IDEOLOGICAL FORMATION, AND THAT WHEN LAMARCA LEARNS OF HER DEATH HE WILL BECOME DEEPLY DISTURBED AND POSSIBLY MORE VULNERABLE TO CAPTURE. THE COLONEL ALSO BELIEVES YARA WAS MORE INFLUENTIAL WITHIN SUBVERSIVE ELITE THAN LAMARCA HIMSELF AND THAT, WHILE LAMARCA'S ELIMINATION WOULD HAVE GREATER PUBLIC IMPACT, YARA'S DEATH IS MORE CRIPPLING TO SUBVERSIVE MOVEMENT ITSELF.

7. CONSULATE SALVADOR [] EO25x1 CONTINUING TO MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS. WILL ADVISE. GP-1.

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